

**Whitewater Township Board  
Minutes of Special Meeting held April 3, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Supervisor Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Board members present: Benak, Boyd, Hockin, Hubbell and Lake

Board members absent: None

Others present: 4 others.

The agenda was approved as printed in the special meeting notice.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**Agenda Items as Listed in Special Meeting Notice****Storm Damaged Tree Bids**

Bids were received from:

Top View Tree Service (did not include stumps)

Tree Top Mike (include stumps & hauling by Steuer)

There was considerable discussion and concern over the cost of having the work done. Work could be done by volunteer with the exception of "widow makers".

Hockin was in disagreement with the work being done by volunteers due to the liability and the fact that the volunteers had not taken the mandatory walk through. She declared a conflict of interest in the work at Whitewater Township Park and "Hi" Pray Park since other board members feel they know what needs to be done better than she, the Parks and Recreation Administrator does.

Volunteers will perform the work at the Township Hall, Township Park, Cemetery and "Hi" Pray Park.

Consideration of re-bidding to be given to the Fire Station, Township Hall trees and Cemetery trees after volunteers complete their work.

Moved by Hockin, seconded by Benak to reject all bids for storm damage work and re-bid after volunteers have completed their work.

The meeting was recessed at 7:39 p.m. to observe the trees at the Township Hall.

The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

The elm tree at the Township Hall was eliminated from work to be done. Hubbell will remove the willow tree.

Action on the Motion: **Motion approved.**

**Board Comments/Discussion**

The newly formed Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> and it was suggested that they be involved in the volunteer work.

Volunteer group will be working this weekend.

**Public Comment**

None

**Announcements**

Next meeting will be regular meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hockin, Clerk